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ETHIOPIA

AL-QADHDHAFI MESSAGE EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR BANTI

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Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 12 Oct 76 LD/EA

[Text] Col Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi, the Libyan leader, has sent a message to Brig Gen Tefari Banti, chairman of the Provisional Military Government, expressing his support and admiration for the ongoing revolution in Ethiopia. The message was handed to General Tefari at the grand palace by Dr Turayki, assistant under secretary for political affairs in the Libyan Foreign Ministry.

Dr Turayki, who is leading a three-man Libyan delegation, arrived here yesterday to deliver the message and to pay a 3-day working visit to Ethiopia. In the message, the Libyan leader, besides affirming his support and admiration for the Ethiopian revolution, also noted that relations between the two countries since the Ethiopian revolution were being further strengthened and renewed. In his message, President al-Qadhdhafi gave an assurance that he supported the unity of Ethiopia and expressed his strong hope that the ongoing revolution would successfully accomplish its objective.

In his message, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said that Libya was aware of the machinations of imperialist forces against the Ethiopian revolution and emphasized that the Ethiopian people should unite and stand firm against such machinations.

Present at the ceremony at which Colonel al-Qadhdhafi's message was handed over were Maj Mengistu Haile Mariam, first vice chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council; council members; Ato Berhanu Dinka, head of the African Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Mr 'Ali Muhammad 'Umaysh, Libyan ambassador to Ethiopia.

[Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic at 1700 GMT on 12 October adds that the Libyan delegation headed by Dr Turayki, assistant under secretary for political affairs in the Libyan Foreign Ministry, left for home this afternoon. The delegation was seen off at Bole International Airport by officials of the Foreign Ministry and staff members of the Libyan Embassy.]

OFFICIAL RETURNS FROM VISIT TO EAST EUROPE

Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1515 GMT 8 Oct 76 LD/EA

[Text] Ato (Tefaye Tadesse), permanent secretary in the Ministry of Information and National Guidance, returned home today from a working visit to Eastern Europe to study the set-up and functions of journalist associations there.

Earlier, Ato (Tefaye) had attended the 30th general assembly of the International Organization of Journalists [IOJ] which was held in Helsinki from 21 to 24 September in his capacity as president of the Ethiopian journalists association. He addressed the IOJ general assembly on the Ethiopian revolution and on the country's overall progress.

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EAST AFRICA

NEW INDUSTRIAL WORKERS UNION ESTABLISHED

Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 9 Oct 76 LD/EA

[Text] Representatives of 60,000 factory workers today established an industrial workers union after a week-long meeting held at the national parliament building. The decision to establish the industrial workers union was reached after a lengthy discussion on the rules and regulations of the union, which were approved by all representatives participating in the meeting. During the vote to establish the industrial workers union, nine members of an implementation committee were selected in a democratic election.

The formation of the industrial workers union was witnessed by Ato Tefari Haile Selassie, minister of labor and social affairs; Ato Getnet Zewde, permanent representative of the ministry; and the heads of ministry departments.

SOMALIA**PRESIDENT BARRE RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM CASTRO**

Mogadiscio Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 12 Oct 76 LD/EA

[Text] The secretary-general of the SRSP [Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party] and president of the Somali Democratic Republic, Challe Mohamed Siad Barre, on Monday night received a message from the general secretary of the Communist Party and prime minister of Cuba, Comrade Fidel Castro. The message, which was conveyed to the leader by the ambassador of Cuba to the Somali Democratic Republic, Comrade Luis Gonzalez, was concerned with the further strengthening of the friendly relations between the peoples and governments of Somalia and Cuba, which are bound by the principles of scientific socialism.

The leader and the ambassador discussed the excellent cooperation existing between the Somali Democratic Republic and Cuba as well as international issues.

TANZANIA**INDIA'S INDIRA GANDHI CONTINUES OFFICIAL VISIT****Remarks at Banquet**

Dar es Salaam in English to Central and Southern Africa 0500 GMT 12 Oct 76 LD/EA

[Text] Dar es Salaam--India has applauded Tanzania for her efforts to promote international peace and justice and helping other African nations. The visiting Indian prime minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, said last night that the dramatic decline and fall of the Portuguese empires in Mozambique and Angola took everyone by surprise.

Mrs Gandhi was speaking at a state banquet given in her honour by President Nyerere at State House, Dar es Salaam. She said even before the achievement of independence in Mozambique and Angola, the generous hospitality and assistance by Tanzania to the cause of liberation kept the flame of freedom alive in African colonies. In South Africa, Mrs Gandhi said, the participation of the people of all races in the agitation against racial discrimination and apartheid was a welcome development. She said the coming years in Africa, particularly in southern Africa, will be burdened with agonizing death struggle of [words indistinct]. The Indian prime minister emphasized that the fight for the right of South Africans has to be waged not merely in Africa but the whole world at large.